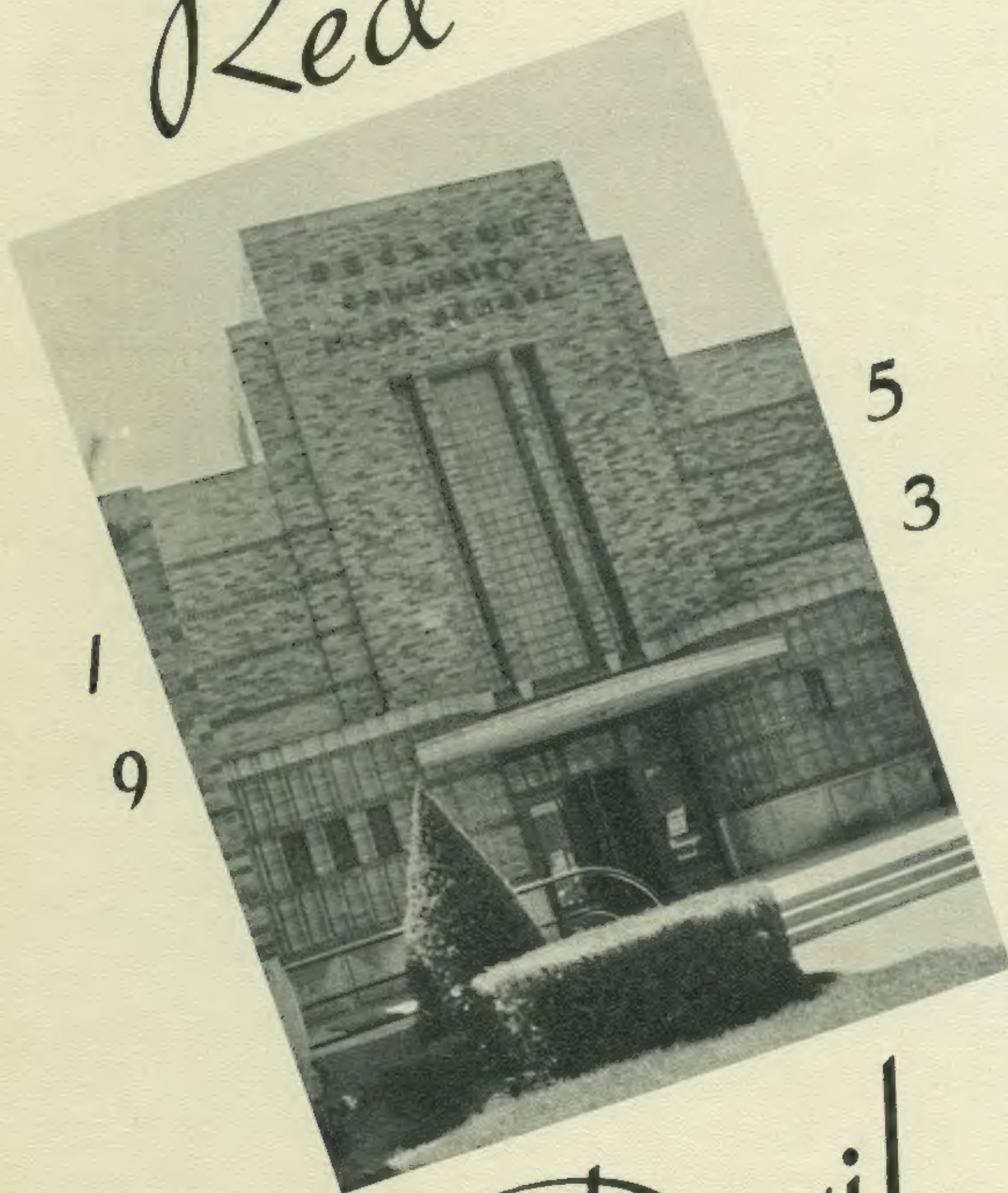


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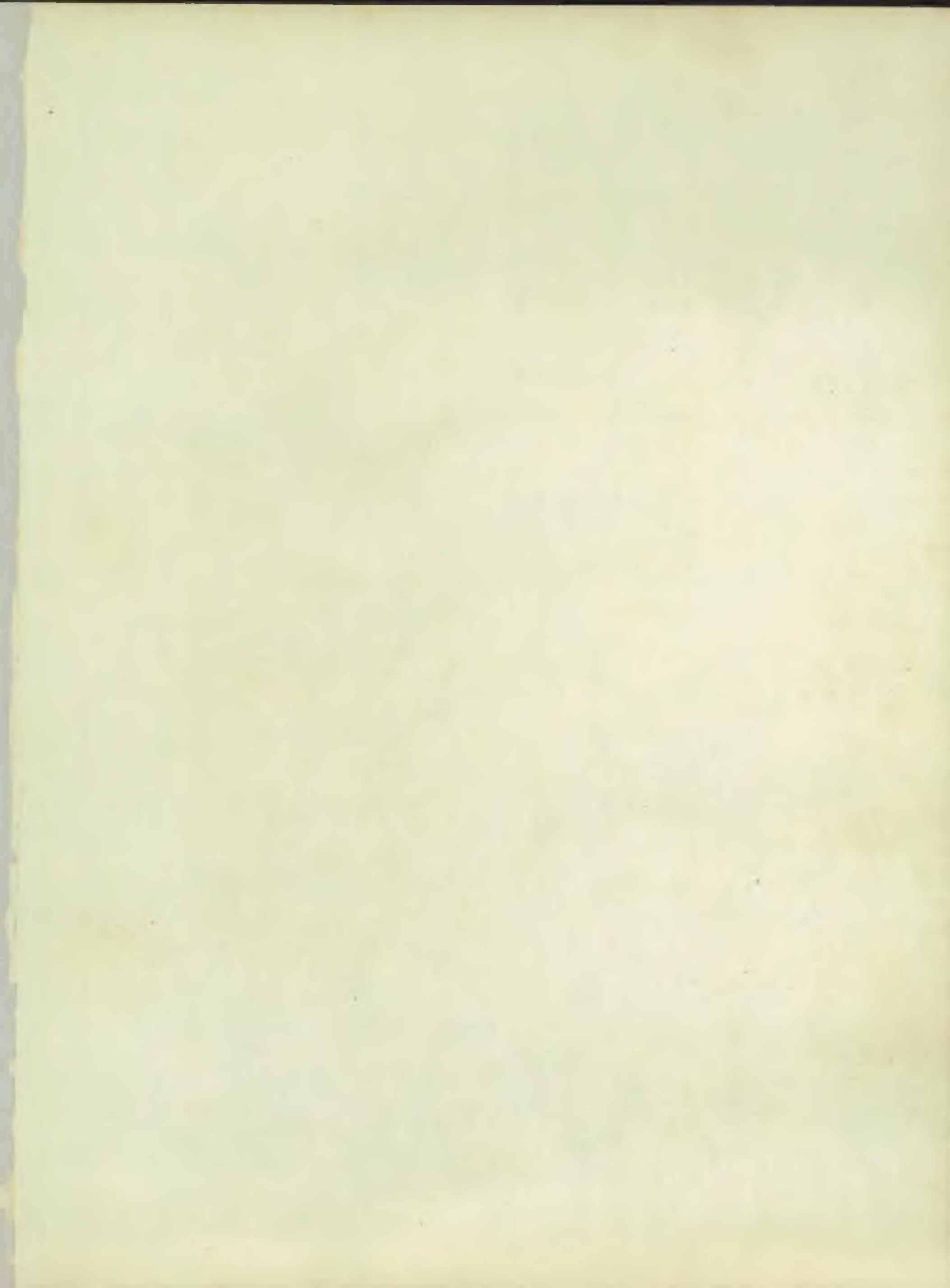


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Devil

Melvin Luther Colyer





The



Red Devil

Edited By
The Journalism Class
DECATUR COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
Oberlin, Kansas

Dear Diary,

With the memories of our dim and may forever will be the life, the fun we friends we made.

passing of time school life grow fade away. Done routine of school had, and the it is the hope



of the 1953 Red as you glance pages of this open recapture those and the memories

Devil staff that, through the diary, you will moments — — will live again.

Red Devil



ACTIVITIES





BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Our Board of Trustees is made up of six members of the Board of Education plus the County Superintendent and our D.C.H.S. Superintendent. They hold their meeting once a month and without pay, strive to keep our school rolling smoothly. They contribute much of their time to handling the money and business administration of the school.

Our Student Council this year consists of four seniors, three juniors, three sophomores, and two freshmen. They meet with Mr. Mahon every Monday and following that each member gives the student council report to an assigned classroom.

Many subjects are discussed in these reports including noon-hour activities, parties, the various classes, sports, music, speech, and the students are given an opportunity to suggest any ideas they may have in regard to our school.

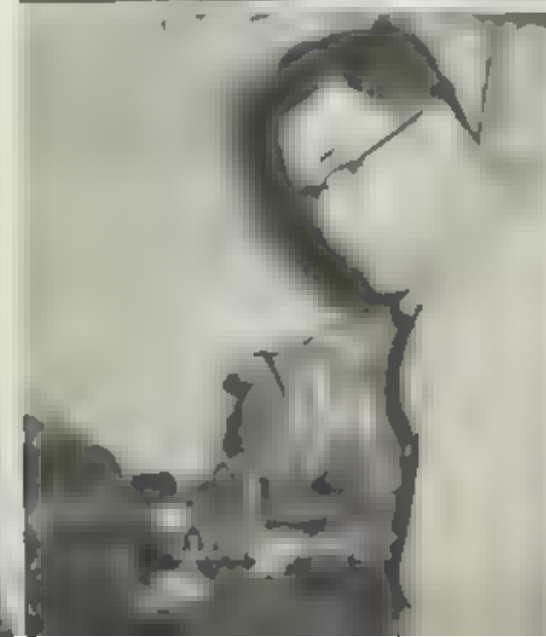
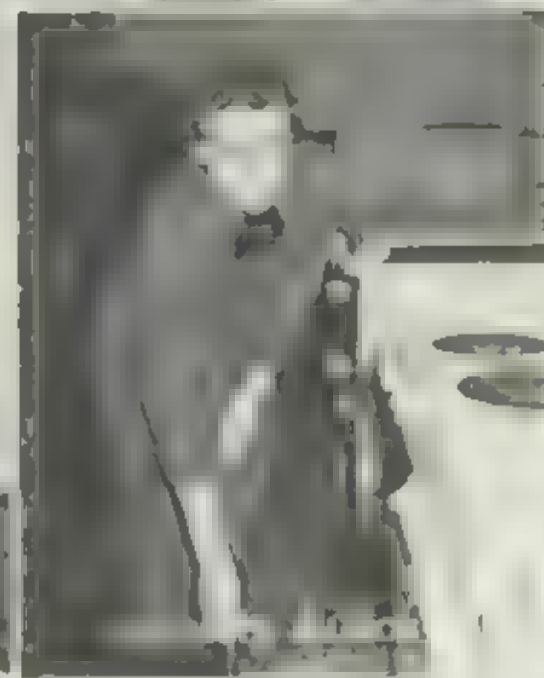
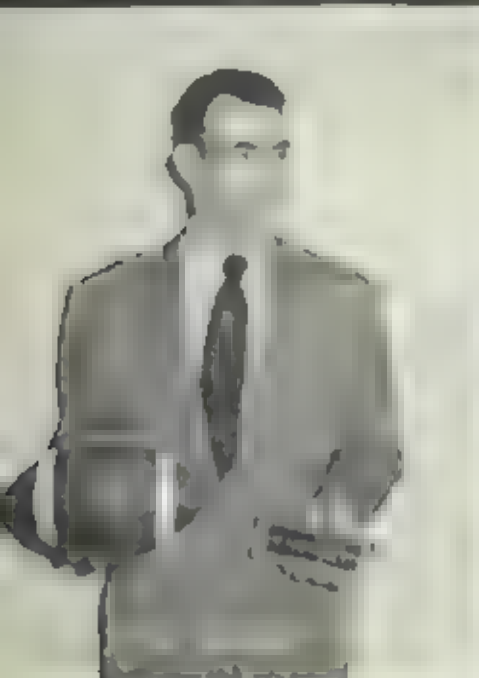
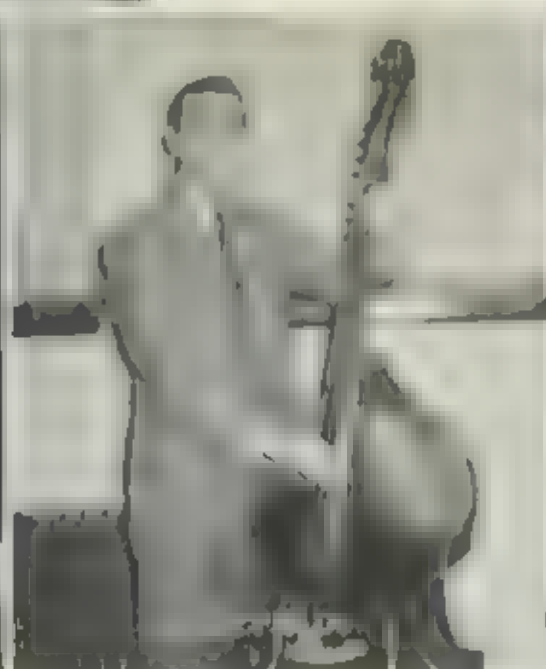
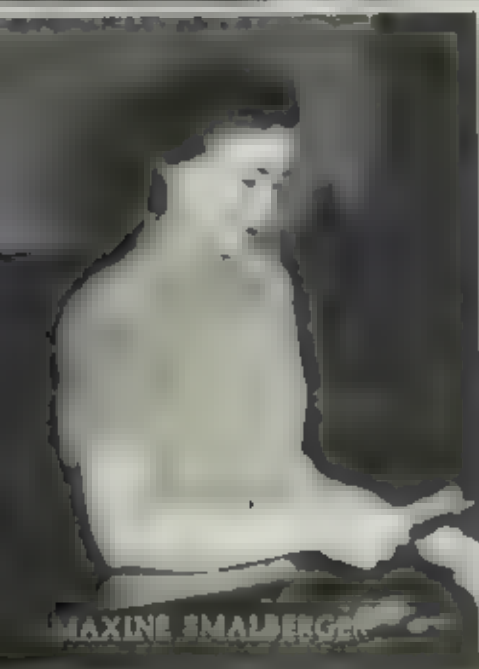
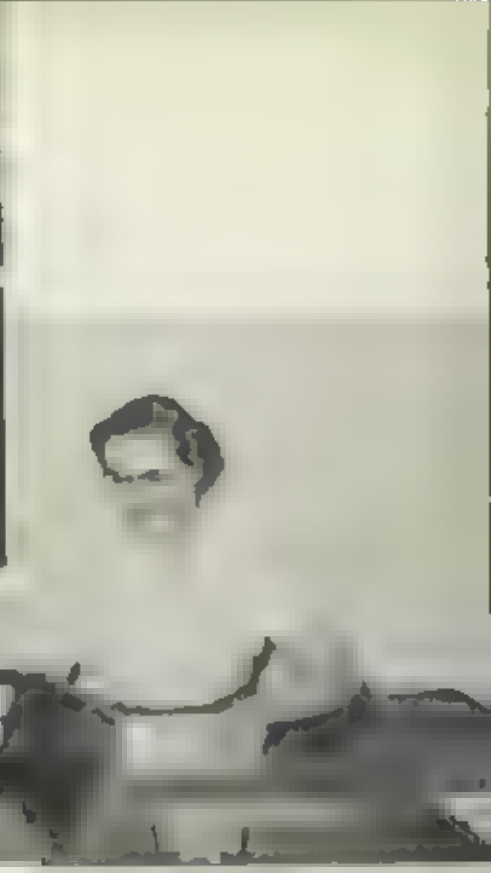
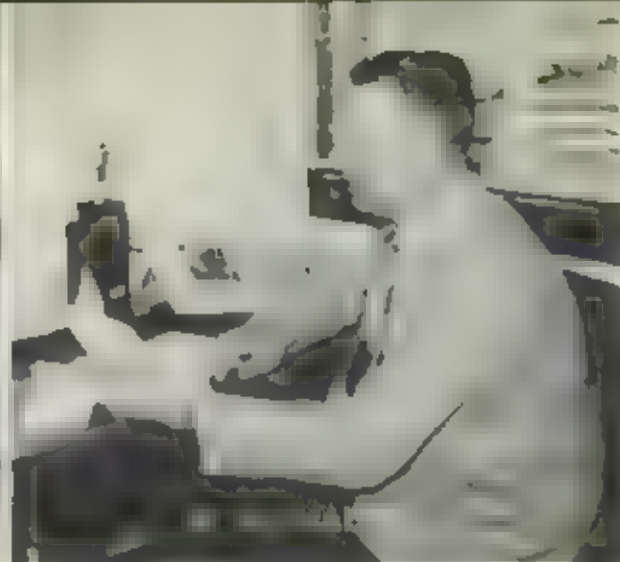
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Derry Bishop
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Leroy Hoehner
Neil Votapka
Supt. H.G. Mahon





Faculty





Freshmen

Rusty Addleman
 Elaine Barker
 Arthur Berndt
 Jack Carver



Derry Bishop
 Class President

James Cederberg
 Roger Cody
 Raymond Corcoran
 Marjorie Daniel

Barbara Edwards
 Norma Frerichs
 Bob Gaines
 Larry Guinn

Colleen Hester
 Allen Jeffus
 Charles Johnson
 Lynn Johnson

Shirley Doyle
 Owen King
 Don Kyte
 Larry Law

Freshmen



Richard Lehn
 Jerry Lohoesner
 Jerry Maclee
 Sally West

James Miesner
 Beverly Morris
 Forrest Paddock
 Karen Pollnow

Dickie Purcell
 Ronald Reist
 Virginia Reznar
 Donald Richardson

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 Bill Schwab
 Derry Stiner
 Duane Unger

Peggy VanPelt
 Ernest Vernon
 Nila Walters
 Jeanette Wurm



Cora Ann Turpin



Evan Moody
 Vice-President



Dear Diary,

In reminiscence, we recall seeing at the start of the school, 43 new freshmen faces in the halls of D.C.H.S. These new faces were welcomed by every student, for in no time they were a part of us.

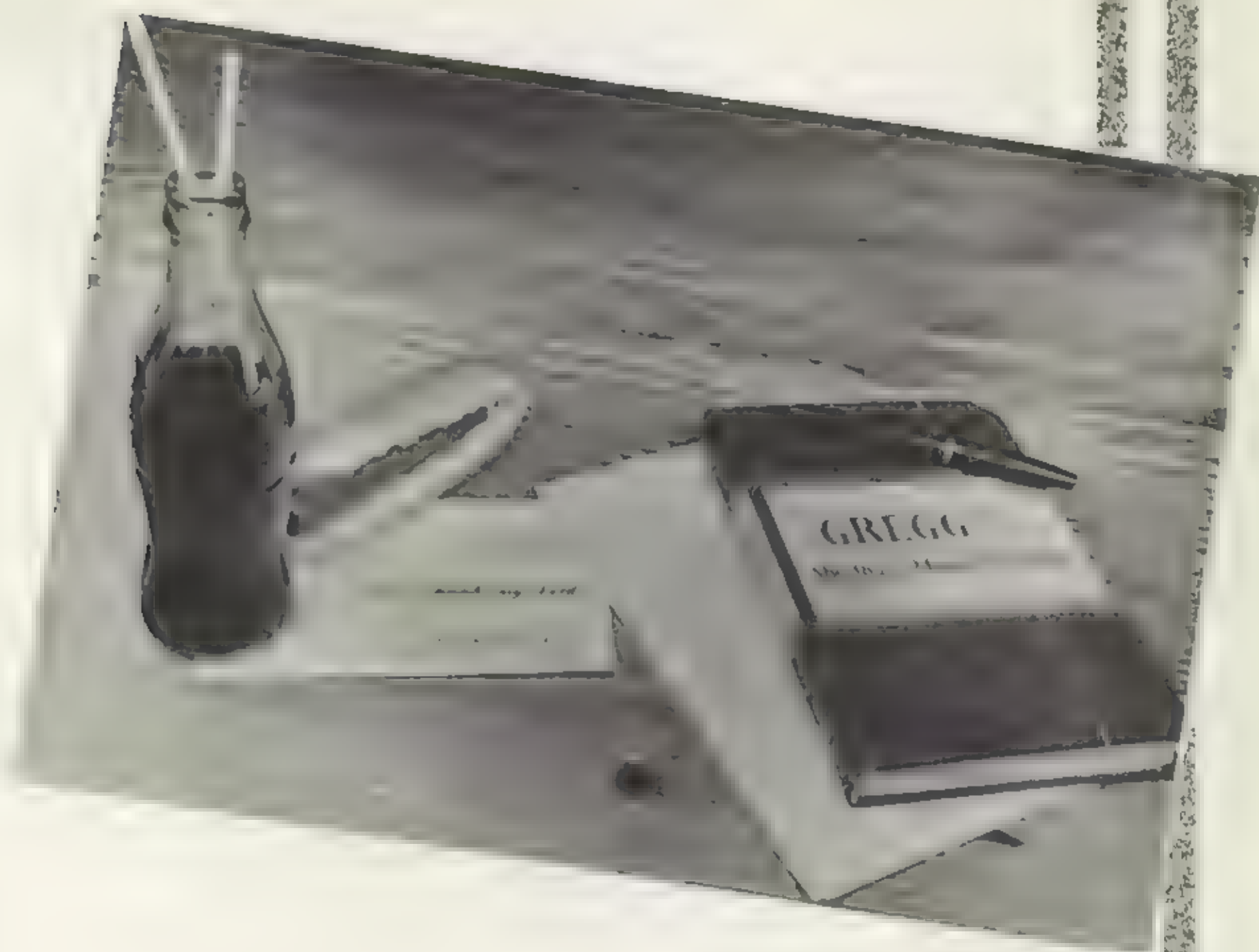
They chose as their class officers: president, Derry Bishop; vice-president, Evan Moody and secretary and treasurer, Jim Miesner. They have done well to carry on successful class meetings. Their sponsors are Mrs. Gertrude Railsback and Mr. Lloyd Moody.

Many of the freshmen have gone out for sports, even though they are too small to play. With determination and growth they will someday make the first team.

The girls have been taking a wide interest in home economics. They have sewed, cooked and even served at various banquets.

Agriculture seems to be a favorite of the freshmen boys. Other subjects that claimed freshmen were world history, algebra, general science, Spanish and speech.

A big event of the year was the freshmen party which was held at the shelter house in honor of one of their classmates, Barbara Edwards, who was leaving for California.



Sophomores

Phyllis Anderson
Keith Anthony
Wilbur Baker
Dennis Barratt
Betty Batterton

Glenva Beneda
Marlene Berls
Carolyn Bosier
Jerry Brand
Donna Bryan

Lola Caster
Larry Chance
Vernadean Euhus
Clifford Fiala
Arden Flaska

Don Frerichs
James Gaines
Francis Gallentine
Lamorne Galusha
Marion Gilbert

Joyce Hilsinger
LeRoy Hoehner
Rose Holliday
Barbara Huntley
Jerry Jones

Sophomores



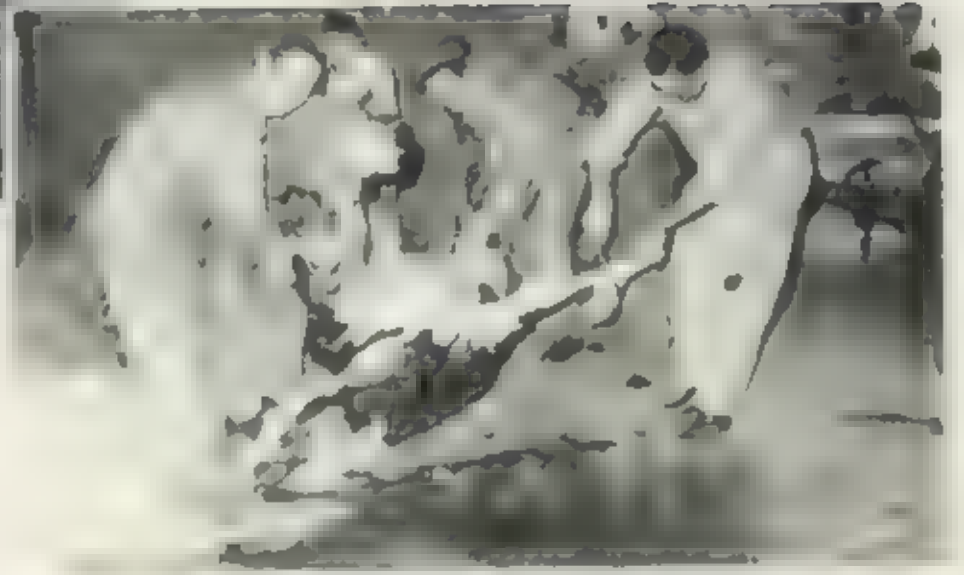
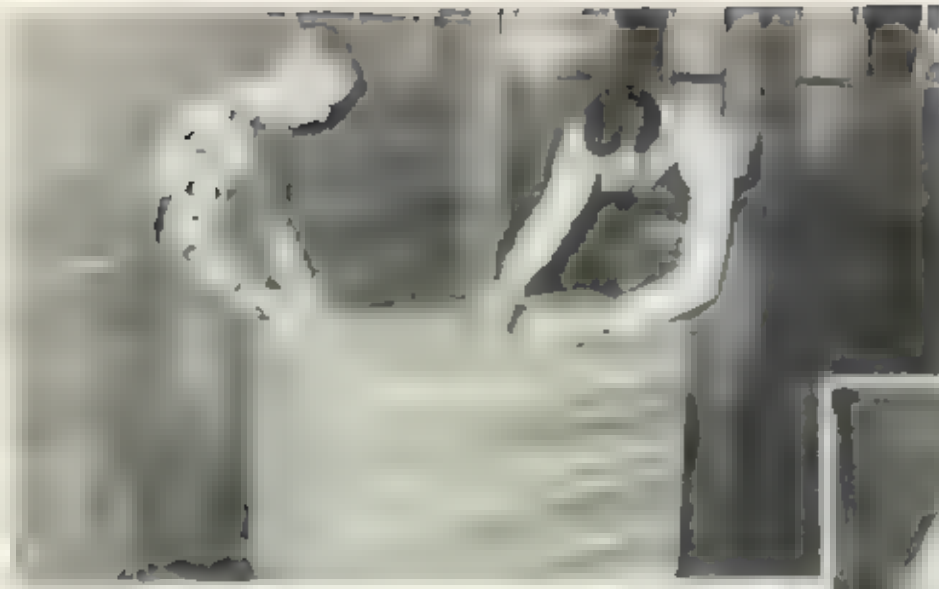
Richard Kelley
Ray Kennedy
Don Lawson
Claudine Macfee
Arley Macy

Carol Messinger
Dan Miller
Henrietta Miller
Robert Morris
Margaret Morton

Maxine Olson
Marcia Petracek
Dee Anna Rathbun
Kay Rezner
Virgil Sauvage

Janice Schiessler
Eunice Shuler
Edna Smith
Gary Soderlund
Richard Thoren

Gary Torluemke
Neil Votapka
Martha Lois West
Norma Witt
Janet Wurm



Dear Diary,

As we stop to review the sophomore class today, the first thing we find is 50 versatile students. The reason we call them versatile is because so many of them take part in athletics, music activities, agricultural contests and some even entered the speech contest.

Then we remember one of the class meetings we looked in on. We found that the class as a whole

was very interested in their student-arranged program. Class officers are president--Neil Votapka, vice-president--Phyllis Anderson, and secretary-treasurer--Janet Wurm.

The subjects which a sophomore may enroll in include home economics, English, Spanish, agricultural, world history, general science, algebra, geometry, constitution, and manual training.





Juniors

Gary Allen
Waldo Anderson
George Barnhart
Richard Barrett
Wayne Bosler
Helen Bryan

Eleanor Burg
Carolyn Chambers
Barbara Corcoran
Beverly Cozad
Jo Ann Daniel
Marie Dean

Stanley Deines
Vernon Diederich
Lowell Foley
Rose Fritz
Nelda Haynes
Marjille Holmberg

Donald Humes
Victor Ingram
Alvin Johnson
Marjorie Jording
Emery Kathka
Nadlene King

Glenna Laidig
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Philip Law
Maralyn Mageri
Sylvia Mahon

Juniors



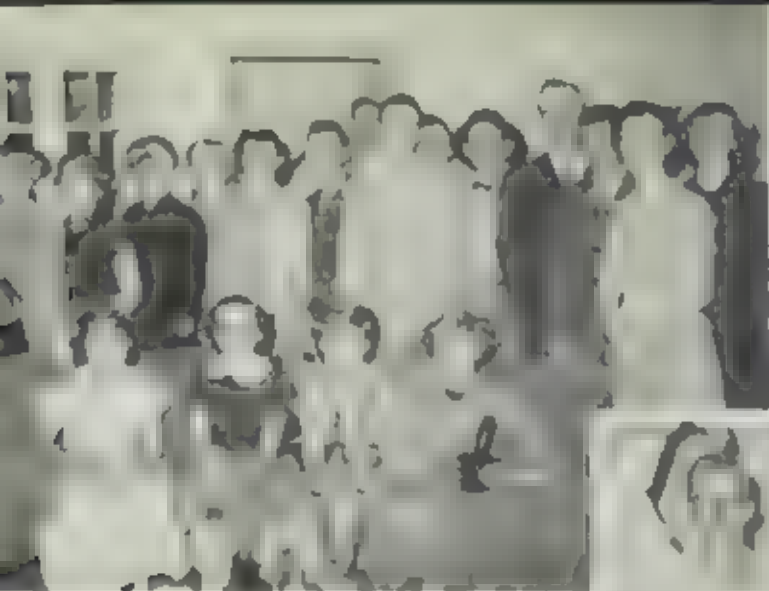
Voyle Miller
Louise Morford
Mary Morton
Erma Jean Muckey
Leone Muirhead

Delbert Musgrave
Colleen Paddock
Anne Pavelsck
Daniel Plotts
Lella Raulston
Elaine Rippe

Dean Roedel
Dorothy Schwab
Garrold Schweitzberger
Roland Scott
Shirley Scott
Elna Shaw

Willard Shaw
David Simpson
Delores Soderlund
Bennie Spiers
Suzy Stevenson
John Tally

Norman Tally
Joe Thummel
Gary Townsend
Charolette Urling
Virgil Van Pelt
Beverly Wurm



"The Little Dog Laughed"



The Newsboy
Miss Gustavesky
Martha Huntington
Wally Huntington
Laurie Huntington
Sidney Huntington
The Woman
The Small Boy
The Man
Little Dog
Horatio P. Honeywell
Joan Wood
Mark Bradford
Caroline Blakesly
Walola Breckenridge
Amelia Dennis
Grace Schoenbeck
Thesese Brown
Lillian Wood
Ted Wood
George Barnhart

Maralyn Magers
Charolette Urling
Philip Law
Sylvia Mahon
Waldo Anderson
Margaret Stevenson
Darrell Moody
Vernon Diederich and
Daniel Plotts
Puddles
Norman Tally
Leila Raulston
Voyle Miller
Marcille Holmberg
Ruth Laidig
Dorothy Schwab
Glenva Laidig
Louise Morford
Mary Morton
Lowell Foley

The juniors have now become upper classmen and find that they have more responsibilities. Classes plus activities fill their time.

Eleanor Burg and Waldo Anderson made first team in debate.

The juniors claim a high percentage of the glee clubs and mixed chorus, and twenty juniors are in band. They were very prominent in "This Is It," the January variety show.

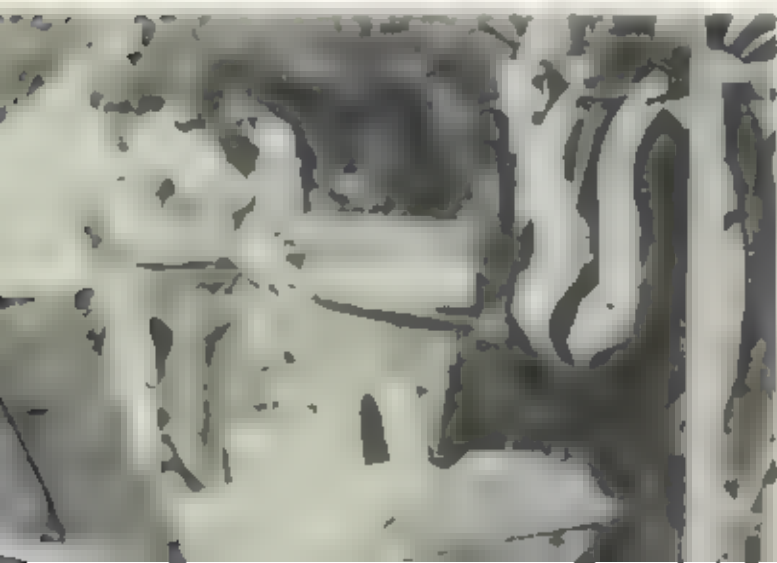
Two girls, Charolette Urling and Marcille Holmberg were voted by the student body and will go to Girls' State this summer. Dick Barrett and Waldo Anderson will go to Boys' State.

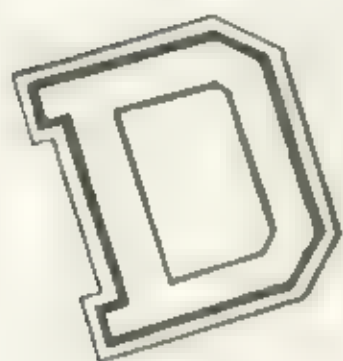
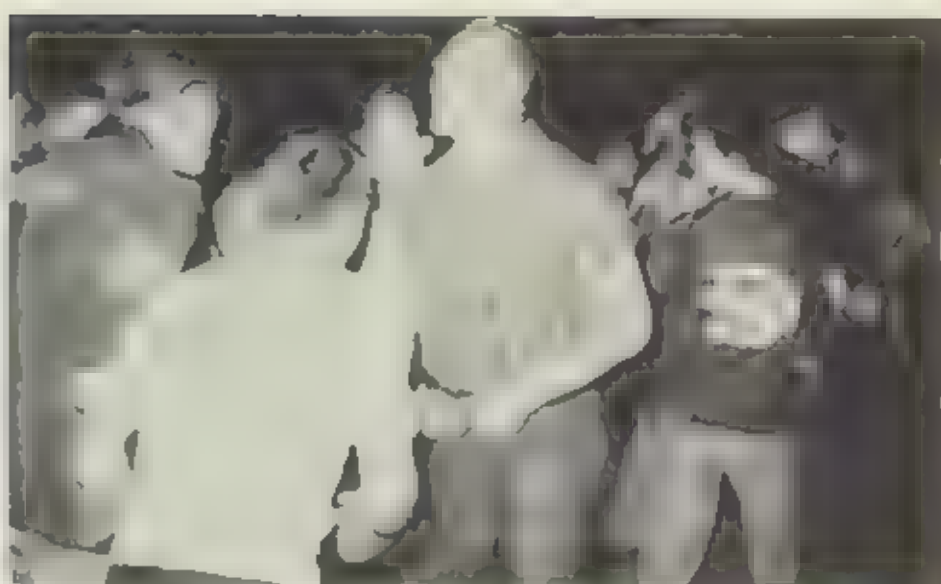
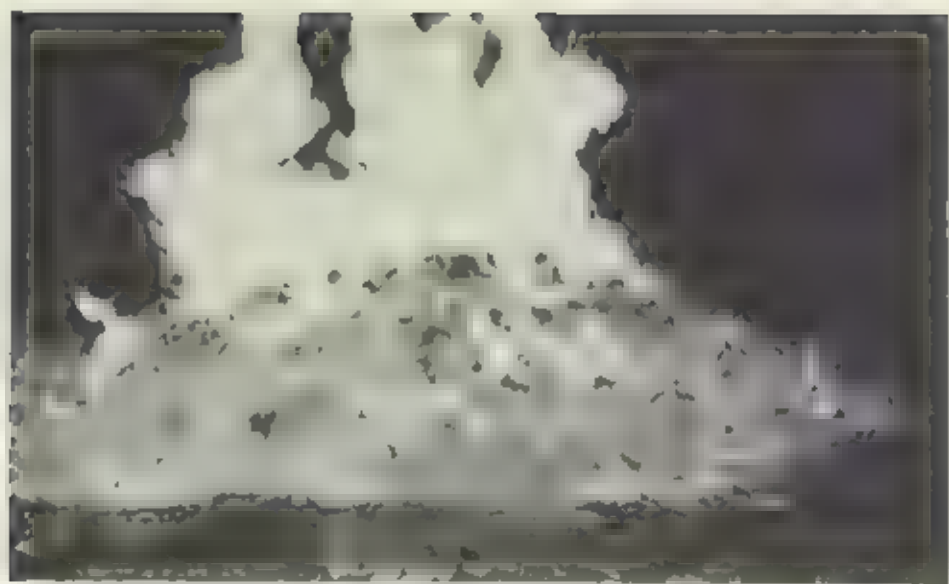
The officers of the junior class this year were president-Dick Barrett; vice-president-Marcille Holmberg; and secretary-treasurer-Beverly Cozad. Sponsors were Miss Madelyn Ableson, Mr. Jack Fields, and Mr. Luther Colyer.

When October rolled around the juniors staged a three-act comedy, "The Little Dog Laughed."

In April came the junior-senior prom and banquet with its problems of theme, program, decoration, and entertainment.

Many juniors have proved skill and talent which they have showed to fellow students and others throughout the year of 1952-53.



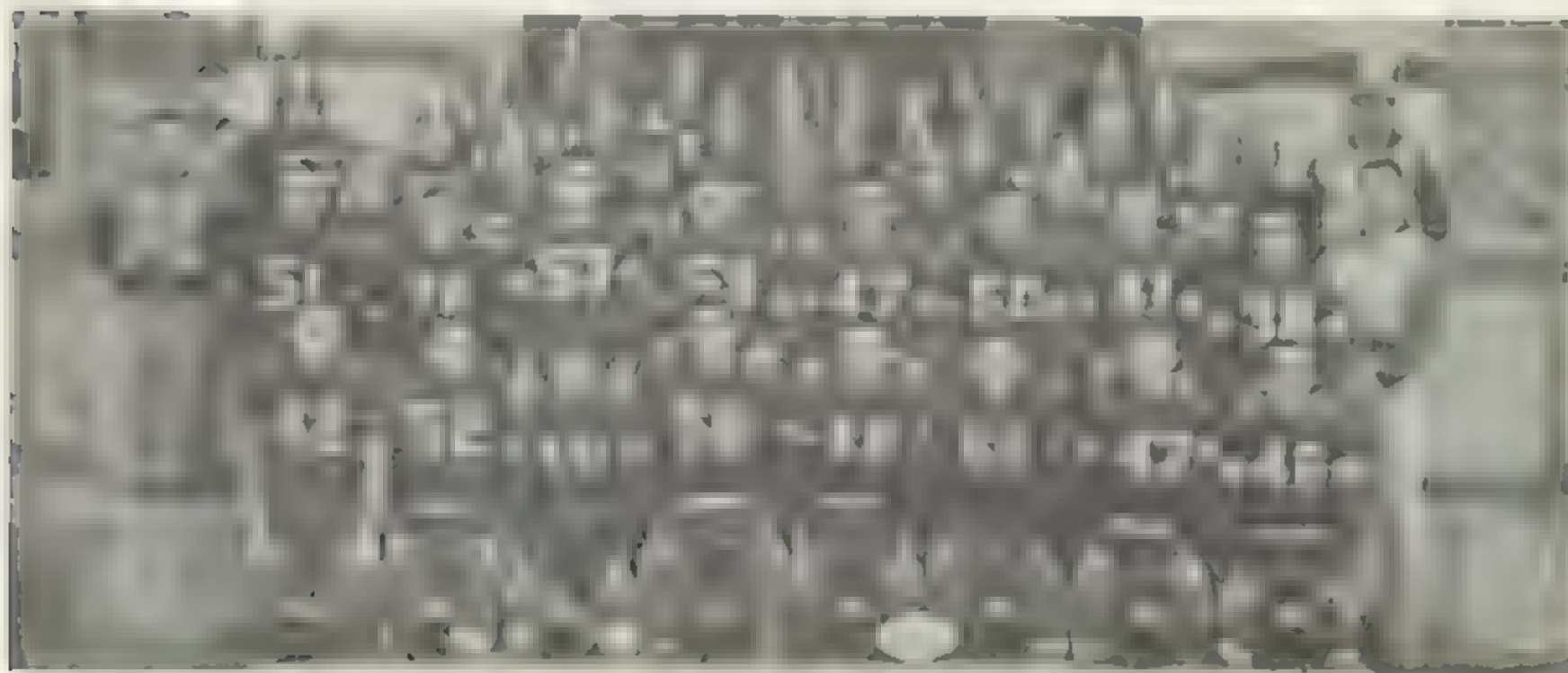


School spirit ran exceptionally high this year. Throughout the entire year our student body, led by their four cheerleaders, supported all teams with the utmost enthusiasm. The task of keeping school pep high was capably handled by the cheerleaders, who in conjunction with the pep committee planned all pep stunts, meetings, speeches, and rallies. This they did for the boys who did the actual work on the field, mat, court, and track.

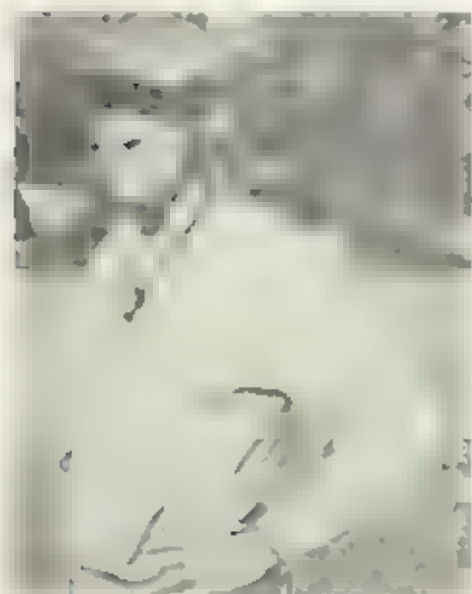
The D-Club, made up of the lettermen, opened the year with initiation of new members and election of officers. Lee Fortin, Gary Quinn, and Wayne Bosler were elected president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer, respectively. The year was brought to a close by the annual Athletic Banquet, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Their speaker for the year of 1953 was Mr. Keith Lambert, assistant basketball coach from Kansas State College at Manhattan.



Undeclared-N. W. K. L. Champs



1ST ROW: Miller, Carter, Adams, Venable, Kite, Joffe, Michels, Johnson, Schwab, Jones. 4TH ROW: Coach Hague, Coach Lyons, B. Morrison, K. C. Giffey, Ed. Johnson, Ed. Johnson, Coach Lyons. 5TH ROW: B. Kite, Morrison, Carter, Miller, Johnson, Edwards, B. Morrison, Giffey. 2ND ROW: Morris, Koedel, Boyler, Weaver, Thompson, B. Morrison, Giffey. 3RD ROW: Coach Lyons, Ed. Johnson, Morris, Harris, L. Fortin, Moore, D. Fortin, Coulter, Brown. (Omitted-O. King)



COACH HAGUE

It was a determined and hard-working group that co-ordinated with Coach Jack Hague and his assistants, Bob Lawson and Charlie Lyons, to bring to D. C. H. S. a team that will long be remembered as, to quote Jack Hague, "A team that had willingness to work and a strong desire to win, a combination you can't beat!"

The Red Devil footballers swept through the season with eight wins and were held to a lone tie with Colby. A N. W. K. L. co-championship and an undefeated season were the accomplishments of the members of the Team of '52.



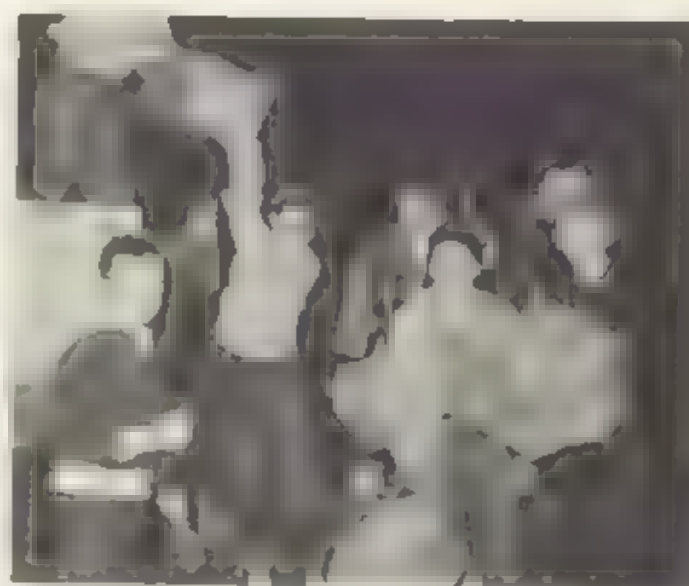
SEASON RECORD

P-burg	6	D. C. H. S.	45
St. Francis	0	"	7
Oakley	12	"	25
Colby	6	"	6
Goodland	0	"	26
Hoxie	7	"	27
Smith Center	0	"	25
Atwood	7	"	34
Norton	0	"	19

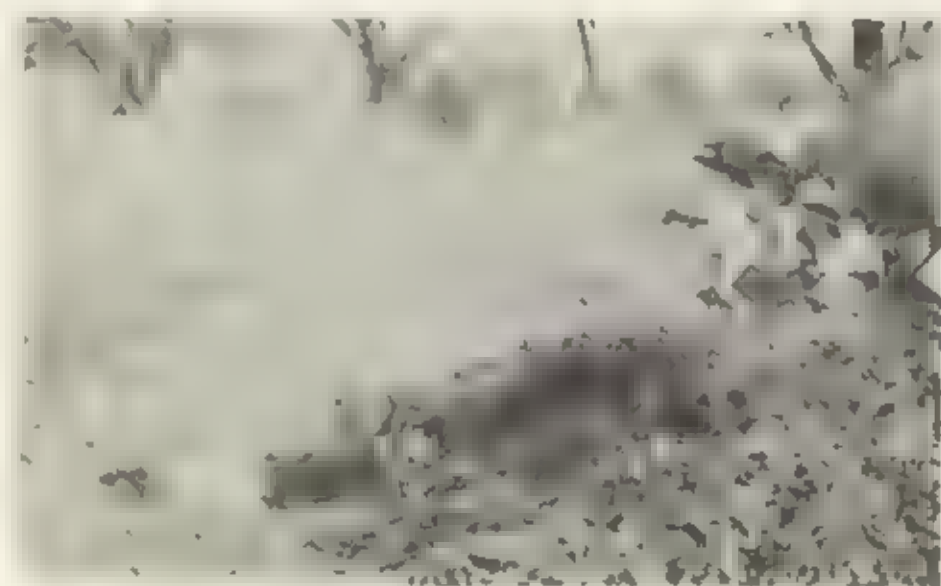
Grid Queen - Halloween Clean-up



A high light festivity in the fall of '52 was the crowning of the football queen. The honor was bestowed upon Joanne DeMay who, with her attendants, reigned over the Smith Center game after being crowned that afternoon in an assembly. Queen DeMay's attendants were Lynne Gaumer, Charolette Urling, Leila Raulston, and Elna Shaw. To celebrate the occasion a dance was held in the gymnasium after the game.



Following the annual tradition the Oberlin students held the Halloween Clean-up on October 30. Catering to elderly people, the students raked over 25 lawns and 26 truck loads of leaves were carried away. Much was accomplished in carrying out the original plan instituted in 1926.



Journalism



Red Devil RAMBLINGS

By Grades

Students Help Holland



Students Work Season
With Two Teachers

Inducting Students
Make Honor Roll



Boys Take
Violet Test

THE STAFF



Dear Diary,

March 6 — Woke up with the journalism page in mind 5:00 PM. Today is the deadline I'm still frantically trying to finish the story.

March 7 — Rushed down to the high school to get the story typed so Mrs. Railsback can send it to the publishers 10:30 AM — I'm still writing

March 8 —
Story finished
and on its
way by now
No more
worrying
until time to
start a new
page and
publish
another
dictator.



Oberlin - Colby
Cop Co-Title





Organizations



3RD ROW: Morris, Erickson, Marietta, Fortin, Kathka, Reist. 2ND ROW: Johnson, Guinn, Votapka, Brainard, Thoren, Corcoran, Kelly. 1ST ROW: Putcell, Cody, Rush, Shaw, Roedel, Steiner, Schwab, Coach Lyons.



STATE TOURNEY BOUND

STATE CHAMP '52

Although the winter winds blew and the snow often drifted high, almost every night one could see Charlie Lyons' wrestling boys running their outdoor conditioning course. This is an example of the spirit and determination that the 1952-'53 wrestlers maintained throughout the entire season.

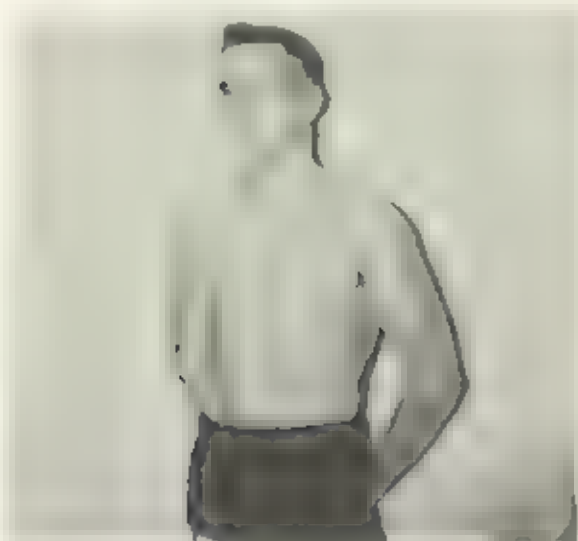
Six lettermen, returning from the 1951-'52 championship team, and some twenty-five other hopeful candidates opened the season as soon as the fall footballs were put away. Of the seven dual matches scheduled, the Red Devils won three and placed fifth in both the league and regional tournies. Four boys, Dee Fortin, Jerry Marietta, Phil Erickson, and David Brainard qualified for the state meet.

Coach Lyons awarded letters to eight boys at the season's end and Dee Fortin was elected the team captain. No championship was won, but all the fellows who participated profited by the experience in sportmanship and competition.

B-SQUAD AT WORK



COACH LYONS
HEAD MAN



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Moore, Gridley
Make All-Area

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Girls Fall 34-7

DeMAY QUEEN OF '52

Win Over Colby
Ends BB Season

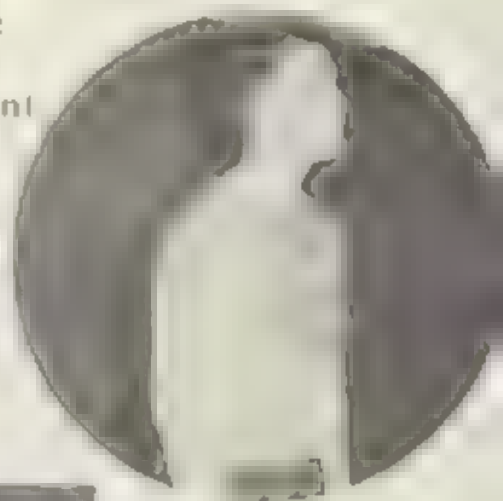
Grapplers Close Regular Season

Oberlin Is Host To Muscle Men
In One Of Three Successive Tourneys

Cinderman Capture Second At League Meet



A star in his own rights at Ottawa University, Coach Lawson began his first year of coaching at Oberlin High School this year. With five returning lettermen from last year's championship team, Coach Lawson coined a third place league team with a season record of fifteen wins and eight losses. Among other honors were second place in the District Tournament and third in the Regional Tournament.



Date	DCHS	Opponent	Score
Dec. 5	40	Brewster	53
12	50	Hoxie	44
16	62	Phillipsburg	41
19	48	Goodland	41
Jan. 2	67	Atwood	55
9	50	Colby	40
14	73	Oakley	42
16	60	St. Francis	55
21	41	Norton	45
22	48	Wichita East	68*
23	42	Coffeyville	73*
Feb. 3	52	Hoxie	36
6	45	Goodland	50
10	65	Atwood	28
13	52	Colby	45
14	46	Garden City	51
20	51	St. Francis	40
24	58	Norton	38
27	51	Oakley	41
Mar. 5	48	Norton	47*
6	52	Smith Center	45*
12	35	Goodland	41*
15	52	Colby	46*

Tournaments •

Basketball



Y-TEEN CABINET

Presidents - Nancy Johnson, Janette Nelson
 Secretary-Treasurer - Louise Morford
 THIRD ROW: Advisor Mae Benne, Laidig, Scott,
 Nelson, Johnson, Thomsen, Mahon, Advisor Donna
 Brown. SECOND ROW: Morford, Muckey, DeMay,
 Bryan, Leake. FIRST ROW: Cochran, Raulston.



Oklahoma!



HI-Y CABINET

President - Ronald Toriuenke

Vice-president - Waldo Anderson

Secretary-Treasurer - Bob King

THIRD ROW: Metcalf, Coulter, Magers,

Adams, Turner, Dec, Johnson, Adams

Luther Colyer.

SECOND ROW: Shaw, King, Barrett, Cody,

Lohofener.

Dear Diary,

This has been a great year for the Hi-Y and Y-Ten to dig deep and work hard in event presenting our purpose most was the World Day of Prayer with the whole school participating.

The Y-Ten Banquet, "Oklahoma," with its western atmosphere was something to be long remembered by parents and daughter alike. A picturesque scene was the boys' rendition of 'Tumbleweed' 'Tumbleweed' and 'Heap Big Smoke'.

Our pops really enjoyed themselves at the Hi-Y Chili Feed. The play reminded them of the tricks they used to play 'Tulbur', feeling angry because he didn't get invited to a party, put sleeping pills in the punch, then fell asleep himself and missed the angry comments.

We've had such fun, Diary, working and playing together and I know the Hi-Y and Y-Ten have helped us to prepare for the future.





As the months slipped by and we flipped up December on the Calendar, Christmas festivity filled the air. Included in the many highlights of the season were the Christmas Vesper Program, the Y-Teen Program and the Christmas Party following the Goodland game.

Much Christmas spirit was shown by decorations in front of the schoolhouse, up and down the halls, and Christmas trees and bulletin boards in the teachers' rooms.

The Yuletide Season





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is
It*



Something old (Dearie), something new (Cindy Ella), something borrowed (Everyone Beware), and something blue (Blue Moon) were a few of the many attractions of the first D. C. H. S. Variety Show. Eighty students and faculty members took part in the show, which consisted of 25 acts varying from the mingled voices of the Triple Trio to the hilarious antics of Martin and Lewis. A full house enjoyed the first performance and a second performance was necessary to accommodate the capacity crowds. The show was under the direction of Nancy Lehman, Madelyn Ableson, and Jack Fields with Voyle Miller acting as Master of Ceremonies.





Debate Speech and Drama



Extremely

February 1st - This month was full of many activities as students joined together in Mrs. Hallsback's room to start preparing for the debate season. We chose the question for this year one of high interest as it concerned our foreign policy in Resolved; That the Atlantic Pact Nations should form a Federal Union.

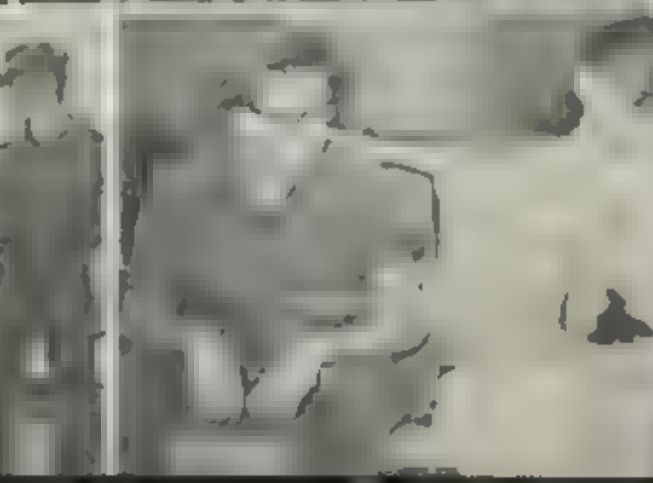
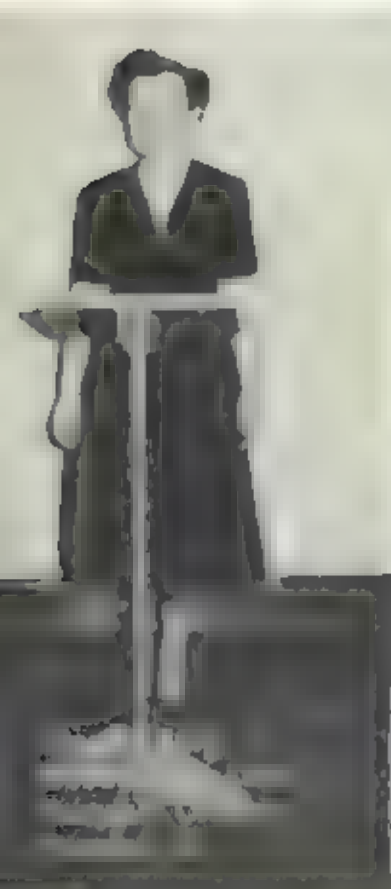
February 15th - The Oberlin debate team won their first tourney as they swept through their own invitational undefeated with Plattsburgh and Osborne following with one loss each.

February 22nd - Well, dear diary, today will be one of happy memories for all the debaters and D. C. H. S. as well as they were proclaimed Northwest Kansas Debate Champion by winning the Northwest Kansas Debate Tourney at Hays. The trophy is certainly a beautiful piece of hardware.

February 25th - We journeyed to Lawrence today, dear diary, to participate in the Lawrence Debate Tourney. We didn't place, but we had the satisfaction of being one of the top teams in the state.

March 1st - Well, the debate season is over and peace reigns in the chamber. Today, we journeyed to Hays to participate in the District Speech and Drama Festival. We received a total of 117 votes which is to return to Fort Hays State College in three weeks for the State Festival.

April 15th - We came to Lawrence to participate in the Lawrence Debate Tourney to compete with the best talent found in this half of the state. We received high ratings and won the prize trophy for a beautiful day.



Features





Gunn sets school record
in high hurdles



In the spring these young men's fancies turned to thoughts

Track and Field Events and so,.....



Captain Moore--First in
league mile



Lawson, Hague, and Lyons figure for a few more points



Hoehner--up and over

Johnson goes 5'10" for
school record



Male relay team--Second in state

Straw, Brainard, and Fortner take lead



Moore tosses for NWKL
record

Another record by Weaver





DC HS Band

Dear Diary,

When school began last fall, the music wing was a noisy jungle of horn tooting and drum beating. Jack Fields, the new band director, probably had a few doubts as to whether or not he would ever get any **band harmony out of the troupe by the end of the year.**

The music wing is still a noisy place during fourth hour, but as the weeks rolled by one began to hear a sound resembling a melody.

Under the direction of Mr. Fields the band has participated at the football and basketball games, band concert, pre-festival concert and the District Festival where they obtained a I rating.

One of the highlights of the school year for the band was the annual band banquet held in the 4-H building. In the remaining weeks of school the band took part in the out-door concert and commencement.





Dear Diary,

This year we followed the direction of a new teacher, Miss Nancy Lehman, in Mixed Chorus. We met twice a week, every Monday and Thursday and more often before contest and special programs.

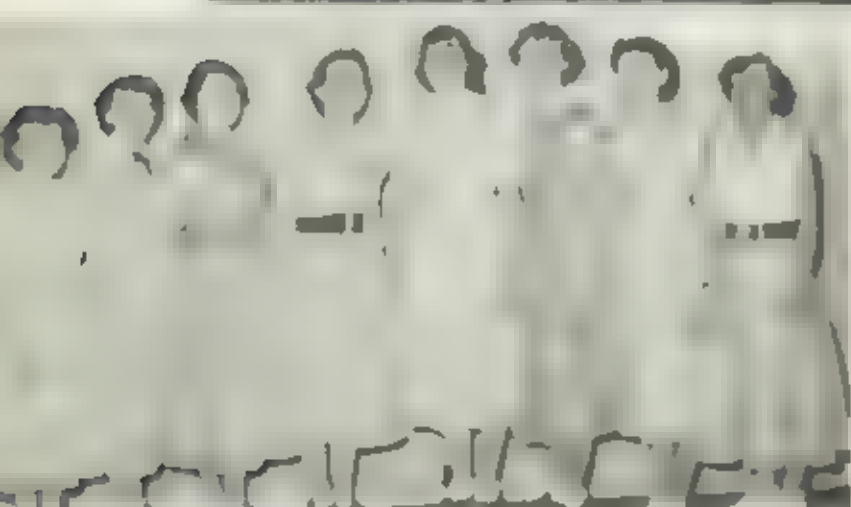
For our part in the Christmas program, we sang the "Carol Before Christmas." Working hard, we presented "You'll Never Walk Alone," and "In Thy Holy Presence" for the pre-festival concert and at the music festival. Dear Diary, we were very proud of ourselves at contest; we received a 1!

At the beginning of the year we voted for officers which are president, Lynne Gaumer; secretary and treasurer, Bobby King. Librarians are Bobby Brown and Stanley Chapin.

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Mixed Chorus





Vocalists

ENSEMBLES

Triple Trio - D I - S II

Boys' Sextet - D I - S I

Junior Sextet - D II

Sophomore Sextet - D II

Sophomore Girls' Sextet - D II

Sophomore Boys' Octet - D II

Boys' Ensemble - D III

SOLOISTS

Charolette Urling - D I - S II

Marcille Holmberg - D II

Lynne Gaumer - D I - S I

Eleanor Olson - D I - S II

Leila Raulston - D I - S II

Don Shaw - D I - S II

Wilbur Baker - D II

Gary Coulter - D II

Phil Erickson - D I - S II

Jack Metcalf - D I - S II

Richard Thoren - D II





Instrumentals

SOLOISTS

Virginia Vernon - Trombone Solo
DI - SII

Phil Law - Cornet Solo - DI - SII

Delmar Richards - Cornet Solo - DII

Nancy Johnson - Tuba Solo - DII

Ruth Laidig - Drum Solo - DI - SI
Piano Solo - DI - SI

Marjorie Jording - Clarinet Solo - DII

Bonnie Taylor - Piano Solo - DII

Dixie Rathbun - Vocal Solo - DII

Nancy Janousek - French Horn Solo
DI - SI

Marcia Petrcek - Saxophone Solo
DI - SII

ENSEMBLES

Trombone Quartet - DI - SIII

Brass Sextette - DI - SIII

Drum Trio - DI - SIII

Drum Quartet - DI - SII

Saxophone Quartet - DII

Clarinet Quartet - DII





Glee Clubs

The Girls' Glee Club consisting of 78 members under the direction of Nancy Lehman meet every Tuesday and Friday mornings.

This year the girls sang at the community Good Friday program at the high school and for the pre-festival concert and the music festival April 10-11. Their rating was 1.

The officers consist of President Janette Nelson, Secretary Amy Jane Thomsen. Librarians are Marcille Holmberg and Joanne DeMay.

The Boys Glee Club consisting of 52 members under the direction of Nancy Lehman meet every Wednesday morning.

The boys sang for pre-festival concert and for the music festival. Their rating was 1.

The officers consist of President Gary Coulter, Secretary Bob King. Librarians are Stanley Chapin and Wilbur Baker.





Readin' Ritin' Rithmetic Pays Off

The awards for Emporia Scholarships are greeted with as much pride by the scholars of D. C. H. S. as are the athletic letters by the athletes. Out of the 57 selected students, 24 placed with state awards.

The following students placed:

physics: Robert Henningson, third; Donelle Ganner, H. M.; chemistry: Jim Sawyer, first; Ronald Torrence, H. M.; biology: Robert Henningson, H. M.; English: James Cederberg, second; algebra: James Cederberg, third; plane geometry: Roy Kennedy, H. M.; Shirley Scott, H. M.; Ruth Laidig, fourth; solid geometry: Jim Sawyer, fourth; American history: Roy Grilley, H. M.; Spanish I: James Cederberg, third; Spanish II: Shirley Scott, third; Ruth Laidig, first; Eleanor Olson, fifth; spelling: Dennis Parrett, H. M.; bookkeeping: Virginia Vernon, H. M.; business arithmetic: Leo Vernon, first; shorthand: Louise Morford, H. M.; Latin: Seneca, H. M.; Marie Jordan, H. M.; agriculture: Wildo Anderson, first; Virgil Van Pelt, second. The mathematics and physical science team, placed second in the state.





Page 53 FFA Officers



Public Speaking: SENIOR DIVISION - Waldo Anderson 1st,
Ronald Torluemke 4th,
SOPHOMORE DIVISION - Dennis Barrett
5th
FRESHMAN DIVISION: - Lynn Johnson
11th



Oberlin Chapter Presenting to State
Convention



Judging Team - District-Dairy-3rd; District-Animal
Husbandry-12th; District-Poultry-10th.
State Dairy - Silver Emblem
State Animal Husbandry-Bronze Emblem
Hays Judging - 10th



Farm Mechanics Team
South West Lakin-3rd
North West Oberlin-5th



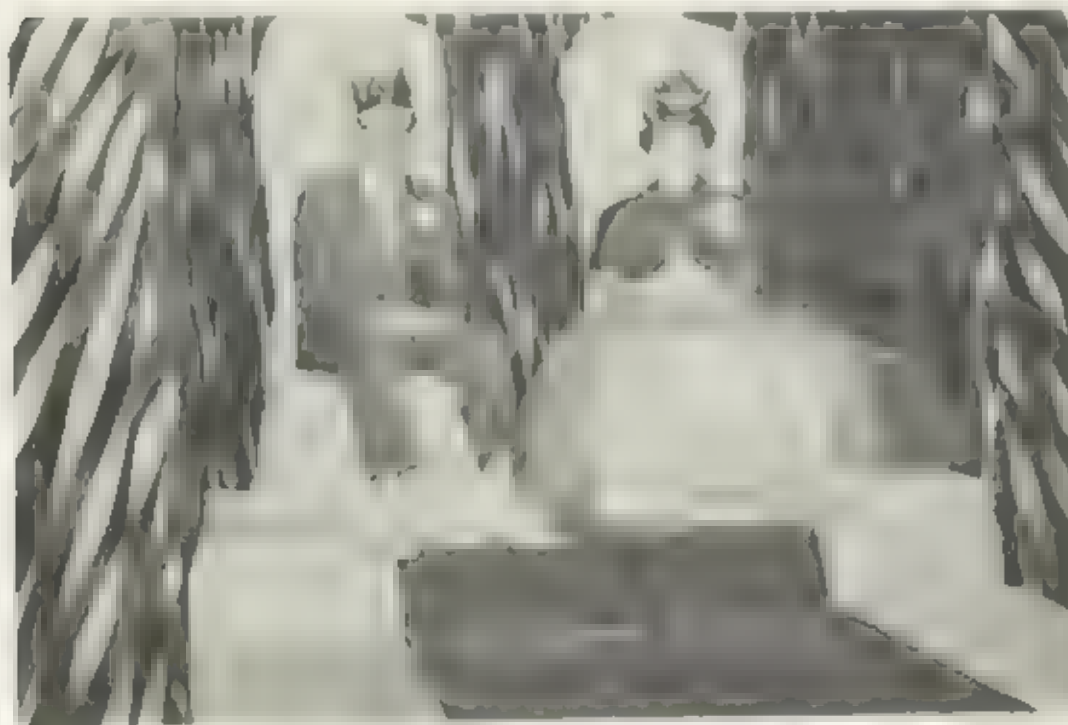


Dressed our best for the public.

Mardi Gras


Dear Diary,

What a night! A prom through town, a "Mardi Gras", banquet and program, a dance and crowning of the King and Queen, a midnight movie, a coke and carnival party and a whoppin' breakfast--these were our prom activities.



At the height of the dance, King Roy Gridley and Queen Eleanor Olson were crowned and entertained with the floor show program of musicals and readings. With a beginning at 6 o'clock Saturday evening and an ending at 6 o'clock Sunday morning, we juniors and seniors had a wonderful time at the '53 "Mardi Gras."





GRADUATES



SANDRA ANDERSON

General Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; G. A. A. 1; Dictator; Staff Reporter.

RODNEY AKEHIAKI

General Course; Transfer 2; Hi-Y 2-3; Track 2; F. F. A. 4; F. F. A Judging 4.

LEONA BERNDT

Commercial Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 4.

DAVID BRAINARD

Voc. Ag. Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 4; Wrestling 1-2-3-4; Football 1-2-3-4; D-Club 2-3-4; F. F. A. 1-2-3-4; F. Judging 1-2

ROBERT BROWN

General Course; Hi-Y 1-2; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 3-4; Basketball 1-2-3-4; Football 1-2-3-4; Track 1-2; D-Club 3-4; Play 3.

DENNIS CARMAN

Voc. Ag. Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; F. F. A. 1-2-3-4.

STANLEY CHAPIN

General Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 3-4; Glee Club 3-4; Vocal Ensemble 3-4; Wrestling 4; Football 1-2-3-4; Track 1-2-3-4; D-Club 2-3-4; Speech 3-4; Thespians 3-4; Play 3.

NEVA COCHRAN

Commercial Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 4; Glee Club 3; Scholarship 3; Dictator; Reporter.

MELVIN COLYER

General Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4.

GARY COULTER

General Course; Student Council 4; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 4; Mixed Chorus 2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 3-4; Basketball 1-2-3-4; Football 3-4; D-Club 3-4; Thespians 3-4; Play 3.

JOANNE DEMAY

Commercial Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Band Ensemble 3-4; Mixed Chorus 3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Pep Band 3; Musical Demons 4; Cheerleader 3-4; Thespians 3-4; Play 3; G. A. A. 1-2; Girls' State 3; Football Queen 4; Dictator; Co-Editor.

PHILLIP ERICKSON

Collegiate Course; Hi-Y 1-2; Mixed Chorus 2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 3-4; Soloist 2-3-4; Wrestling 1-2-3-4; Football 1-2-3-4; Track 1-2-3-4; D-Club 2-3-4; F. F. A. 1-2-3-4; F. F. A. Judging 1-2.



of 1953

Seniors

GORDON EUHUS

General Course; Band 1-2-3-4; Soloist 2-3; Mixed Chorus 3-4; Glee Club 3-4; Vocal Ensemble 4; Pep Band 2-3-4; Musical Demons 3-4; Wrestling 2-3-4; Track 1-2-3-4.

MYRNA FLASKA

General Course; Transfer 4; Y-Teen 1-2-3; Cabinet 3; Play 3; Band 1; Mixed Chorus 1-2; Glee Club 1-2.

DEE FORTIN

Voc. Ag. Course; Hi-Y 2-3-4; Glee Club 4; Wrestling 3-4. Basketball 1-2; Football 1-2-3-4; Track 1-2-3-4; F. F. A. 2 3-4.

LFE FORTIN

Voc. Ag. Course; Hi-Y 2-3-4; Glee Club 4; Basketball 1-2-3; Football 1-2-3-4; Co-Captain 4; Track 1-2-3-4; D-Club 2-3-4; F. F. A. 1-2-3-4.

DONELLE GAUMER

Collegiate Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 2; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Basketball 1; Football 1; Speech 3-4; Debate 2-3-4; Thespians 3-4; Play 3; Dictator; Co-Editor.

LYNNE GAUMER

Collegiate Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 1-2-3-4; Soloist 2-3-4; Cheerleader 3-4; Thespians 3-4; Play 3-4; Dictator; Art Editor.

ROY GRIDLEY

Transfer 3; Collegiate Course; Student Council 3-4; Mixed Chorus 3-4; Glee Club 3-4; Basketball 3-4; Football 3-4; Co-Captain 4; Track 3-4; D-Club 4; Boys' State 3; Dictator; Sports Editor.

GARY GUINN

Voc. Ag. Course; Hi-Y 2-3-4; Wrestling 4; Football 1-2-3; Track 1-2-3-4; D-Club 2-3-4; F. F. A. 1-2-3-4.

LEROY HARRIS

Transfer 3; General Course; Basketball 3; Football 3-4; D-Club 4.

ROBERT HENNINGSON

Collegiate Course; Student Council 2-3; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 2-3; Football 1-4; Basketball 1-4; Scholarship 1-2-3-4; Play 3; Dictator; Sports Editor.

DARLENE HOLLIDAY

General Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Scholarship 2; G. A. A. 1.

NANCY KAY JANOUSEK

Commercial Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Band Ensemble 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 3-4; Soloist 2-4; Pep Band 1-2-3-4; Musical Demons 4; Thespians 3-4; Play 3; Scholarship 3.



HOWARD JENNINGS

General Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 3-4; Mixed Chorus 2; Glee Club 2; Vocal Ensemble 2; Basketball 1; Football 1; Track 1; Cheerleader 4.

LAWRENCE JENNINGS

Voc. Ag. Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Football 1-2-3; F. F. A. 1-2-3-4.

NANCY JOHNSON

General Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 3-4; Pres. 4; Band 1-2-3-4; Pep Band 2-3-4; Band Ensembles 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 4; Soloist 1-2-3-4; Musical Demons 3-4; Play 3; Scholarship 2-3.

ELWOOD JORDING

General Course; F. F. A. 1-2; F. F. A. Judging 2.

BOBBIE KING

General Course; Student Council 1-2-3-4; Pres. 4; Marshall 4; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 3; Wrestling 1-3; D-Club 2-3-4; Boys' State 3.

RAYMOND KING

General Course; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 4.

FRANCES KRIZEK

General Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Dictator; Reporter.

GALLEN KRIZEK

General Course; Hi-Y 2-3-4; Glee Club 3; Track 3.

JACK KUMP

General Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 4; Pep Band 4; Musical Demons 4.

CARL LAFFERTY

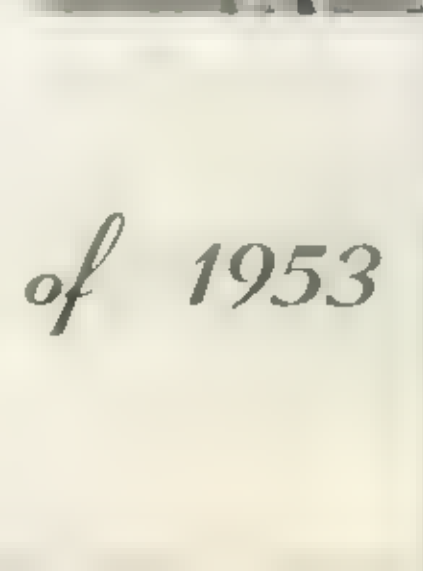
Voc. Ag. Course; Student Council 4; Class Officer 3-4; Pres. 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Glee Club 3-4; Vocal Ensemble 4; Basketball 1; Football 1-2-3; Track 1; Play 3; F. F. A. 1-2-3-4; F. F. A. Judging 1-2-3-4.

ANN LEAKE

Collegiate Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 3-4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 1-2-3; Thespians 3-4; Play 3.

SHIRLEY LOGAN

Collegiate Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 2.



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Seniors

PEGGY LONG CARMAN

Commercial Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3; Thesplan 3-4; Play 3; Dictator; Circulation Manager.

MARLO MAGEES

Transfer 2; General Course; Hi-Y 2-3-4; Cabinet 2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 2-3-4; Glee Club 2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 2-3-4; Track 2-3.

JERRIDEE MANNING

Commercial Course; Class Officer 2; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Pep Band 2-3-4; Musical Demons 4; Dictator; Reporter.

JERRY MARIETTA

General Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Wrestling 1-2-3-4; Football 1-2-3-4; D-Club 2-3-4.

BERTHA BOOKER MATCHETT

Commercial Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 2-3; Thesplan 3; Play 3; Scholarship 1; G. A. A. 1.

JACKSON METCALF

Voc. Ag. Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 3-4; Glee Club 3-4; Vocal Ensemble 3-4; Soloist 3-4; Basketball 1; Track 3-4; D-Club 4; Thesplan 3-4; Play 3; F. F. A. 1-2-3-4.

NEX MOORE

General Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 1; Basketball 1-2-3-4; Football 2; Track 3-4.

STANLEY MOORE

General Course; Basketball 1-2-3-4; Football 1-2-3-4; Track 1-2-3-4; D-Club 2-3-4.

JANETTE NELSON

General Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Band Ensemble 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Soloist 1-2; Pep Band 2-3-4; Musical Demons 3-4; Dictator; Typist.

ELEANOR OLSON

D. C. H. S. 1-2-4; Collegiate Course; Y-Teen 1-2-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Band Ensemble 2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-4; Vocal Ensemble 1-2-3-4; Soloist 2; Pep Band 2-3-4; Thesplan 4; Scholarship 1-2; Dictator; Feature Editor.

PATTY O'TOOLE

Commercial Course; Y-Teen 1-2; Thesplan 3-4; Cheerleader 3; Play 3; G. A. A. 1; Dictator; Business Manager.

BILL POLLNOW

Voc. Ag. Course; Basketball 1-2; Football 1-2; Track 1; F. F. A. 1-2-3-4.





GLYNDA POLLNOW

General Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 4; Pep Band 3-4.

DIXIE RATHBUN

General Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Band Ensemble 3-4; Mixed Chorus 2-3-4; Glee Club 2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 1-2-3-4; Soloist 4; Pep Band 1-2-3-4; Musical Demons; Pres. 4; Dictator; Feature Editor.

DELMAR RICHARDS

General Course; Hi-Y 1-3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Band Ensemble 3-4; Mixed Chorus 3-4; Glee Club 2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 4; Soloist 4; Pep Band 1-2-3-4; Musical Demons 4; Track 4.

DARLENE RICHARDSON

General Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 3-4; Glee Club 2-3-4; Thespians 4; Play 3.

JACK ROBERTS

General Course; Football 1-3.

JACK SABIN

General Course; Hi-Y 3-4; Football 1.

JIM SAWYER

Transfer 4; Collegiate Course; Hi-Y 4; Band 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Glee Club 4; Vocal Ensemble 4; Debate 4.

ROBERT SCHMOKER

General Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 1-3-4; Glee Club 1-3-4; Wrestling 1-4; D-Club 2-3-4; Speech Festival 1.

DON SHAW

Voc. Ag. Course; Student Council 1-2-3; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 3; Soloist 1-3-4; Wrestling 1-3-4; Track 1-2-3-4; D-Club 2-3-4; I.F.A. 1-2-3-4.

LILLIAN SKUBAL

Transfer 4; General Course; Class Officer 3; Y-Teen 1-2-3; Cabinet 2-3; Band 2-3; Mixed Chorus 1-2; Glee Club 1-2; Pep Band 2-3; Play 3; Girls' State 3.

BONNIE TAYLOR

Collegiate Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Band Ensemble 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Soloist 3-4; Pep Band 1-2-3-4; Musical Demons 3-4; Thespians 3-4; Play 3; Scholarship.

AMY JANE THOMSEN

Collegiate Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 3-4; Band 3-4; Band Ensemble 4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 1-2-3-4; Thespians 3-4; Play 3; Scholarship 2-3.



of 1953

Seniors



RONALD TORLUEMKE

Voc. Ag. Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 3-4; Pres. 4; Band 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 3-4; Glee Club 3-4; Pep Band 2-3-4; Musical Demons 4; Speech Festival 3; Debate 2-3-4; Thespians 4; Play 3; Scholarship 2-3; F.F.A. 1-2-3-4; F.F.A. Judging 1-2-3-4.



SHIRLEY UFFORD MUIRHEAD

Commercial Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3; Pep Band 3-4; Musical Demons 4.

CLETA VACURA

Transfer 4; General Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3; Cabinet 3; Band 1-2-3; Mixed Chorus 1-2; Glee Club 1-2; Play 3.



CLARA BELLE VERNON

General Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 4; G.A.A. 1-2-3; Dictator; Art Editor.

DENNIS VERNON

Commercial Course; Hi-Y 1-4; Wrestling 3; Basketball 1; Football 1-2-3; Track 1-2-3-4; D-Club; F.F.A. 1-2.



EVAN VERNON

General Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Basketball 1.

VIRGINIA VERNON

General Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Band Ensembles 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 4; Soloist 1-2-3-4; Musical Demons 2-3-4; Pep Band 1-2-3-4; Scholarship 2.



LAWRENCE WEAVER

Transfer 3; General Course; Vocal Ensemble 2; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Basketball 1-2-3; Track 1-2-3-4; Football 1-2-3-4; D-Club 3-4; Play 3.

MARILYN WHITE

General Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; G.A.A. 1; Dictator; Reporter.

MEREDITH WHITE

General Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3; Cabinet 2; Basketball 1-3; Track 3-4; D-Club 3-4; Dictator; Grade Editor.

PAUL WINDER

General Course; Hi-Y 2; Basketball 1; Track 1.

DONNA WITT

General Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4.





Our

D.C.H.S. Goal is Here

Dear Diary,

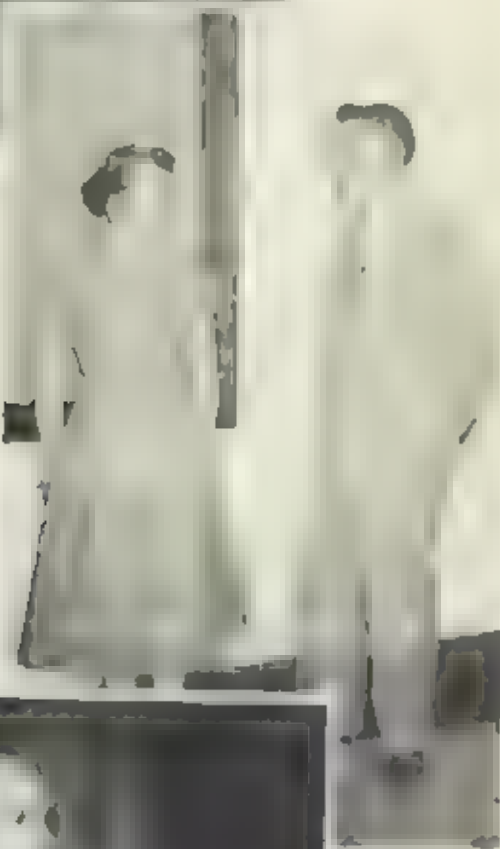
Now we wind up our senior year, the most precious year of all. Some of us have spent twelve years together, preparing ourselves for adulthood. But working together was fun----- who could possibly forget the class play, "Arsenic and Old Lace"? Or the final senior assembly with its fun and frolic as we said good-bye?

When graduation drew near, we were so busy we didn't have time to feel sad. Baccalaureate Service with its helpful suggestions lent a thoughtful note to our last week together.

Then came senior breakfast, when we met to begin our last day together. The program carried us through the seven stages of man-----the bawling infant, the whining schoolboy, the sighing lover, the brave soldier, the wise and formal justice, the lean and slipper'd pantaloons, and finally the second childhood.

And now, dear Diary, as our four years at D.C.H.S. go down in the school's history, we close our book with Commencement.

The Senior Class



CLASS OF 1953

Decatur Community High School

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Sunday, May 17, 1953

High School Auditorium

Eight O'Clock



COMMENCEMENT



CLASS

Sandra Arlson
 Huey Arnold
 Leona Bernell
 David Blanchard
 Robert Brown
 Dennis Car
 Peggy Carter
 Stanley Chapin
 Nova Cochran
 Edwin Colver
 Gary Coulter
 Jo DeMay
 Phillip Erickson
 Gordon Eklund
 Myrna Flaska
 Dee Fulton
 Lue Fortin
 Lynne Gaumer
 Donelle Gaumer
 Roy Gridley
 Gary Gunn
 Leroy Harris
 Robert Hennan
 Darlene Holladay
 Nancy Kay Janousek
 Howard Jennings
 Lawrence Jennings
 Nancy Johnson
 Elwood Jordani
 Bobbie King
 Ray King
 Frances Krize
 Galen Krize
 Jack Kump
 Carl Lafferty
 Ann Leake

DCHS Band 7:45 p.m.
 Komm Sasser T. 1 Johann Sebastian Bach
 Marcho Pace Donald L. Moore
 Irene Overture Joseph McCarthy and Harry Tierne
 Auld Lang Syne arr. K. L. K.

Processional

Vernadene Eklund
 Ruth Leidig

Erma Jean Muckey
 Mareille Holmberg

Invocation The Reverend L. Kurtz
 Greetings Carl Lafferty
 Class president

What's School For? Roy Gridley

Back Through The Year of '33
 Narrator—Ronald Torlaemke

Don Shaw "The Builder"
 Instrumental Ensemble "Chapel Shrine"
 Delmar Richards, Bonnie Taylor, Jim Sawyer,
 Nancy Kay Janousek, Nancy Johnson, Shirley
 Multhead, Joanne DeMay, Janette Nelson, Gly
 da Pollnow, Virginia Vernon

Vocal Ensemble "Younger than Springtime" and "Into The Night"
 Shirley Logan, Ann Leake, Lynne Gaumer, Eleanor
 Olson, Dixie Rathbun, Amy Jane Thomsen, Lawrence
 Weaver, Jack Metcalf, Phil Erickson, Jack Kump, Gor
 don Eklund, Gary Coulter

Bob Brown "Thanks for the Memory,"

"And In The Future?" Donelle Gaumer

Presentation of the Class .. Supt. H. G. Mahon

Presentation of the Diplomas Ward Clair

School Anthem Class of '33 and audience

Benediction The Reverend Paul Brooks

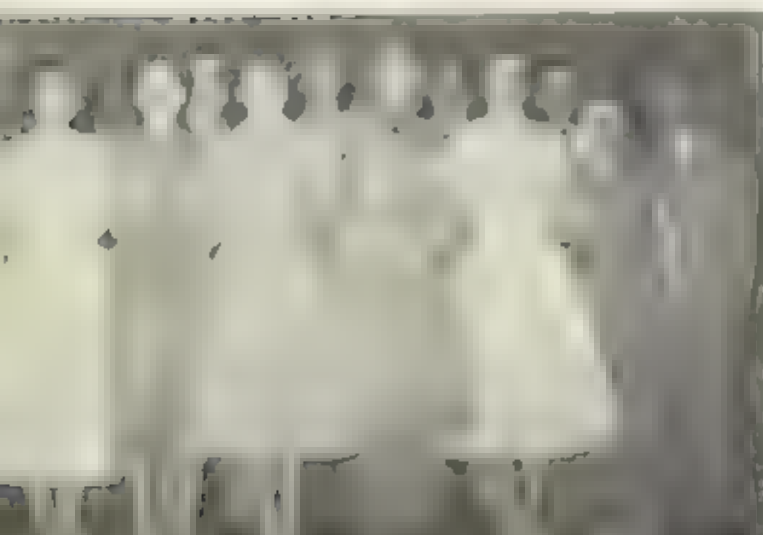
Recessional

Sylvia Mahon
 Kay Reiner

Phyllis Anderson
 Marcia Petracek

ROLL

Shirley Logan
 Marlo M
 Jerrilee Manning
 Jerry Marietta
 Beatha Matchett
 Jack Metcalf
 Rex Moore
 Stanley Moore
 Shirley Murhead
 Janette Nelson
 Eleanor Olson
 Patty O'Toole
 Bill Pollnow
 Glynda Pollnow
 Dixie Rathbun
 Delmar Richards
 Darlene Richardson
 Jack Roberts
 Jack Sahr
 Jim Sawyer
 Bob Seatonkor
 Don Shaw
 Lillian Skubal
 Bonnie Taylor
 Amy Jane Thomsen
 Ronald Torlaemke
 Chita Vacura
 Clara Belle Vernon
 Dennis Vernon
 Evan Vernon
 Virginia Vernon
 Lawrence Weaver
 Marilyn White
 Meredith White
 Paul Winder
 Donna Will





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